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Dear Otto and Paul:

The orientation phase of my assignment is finished. It was conducted exactly in the manner proposed in [redacted] letter to me which you read. [redacted] has made certain that we have a conference at least once each week. Each time he has spent considerable time outlining his present and future plans for the organization. Several times he has voluntarily stated that he believes my level of representation is ideal. It is equivalent to a senior research officer or area specialist. This permits me maximum flexibility and permits me to operate as a regular contributing member of the [redacted]. In addition, he has given me regular access to materials not formerly given to a foreign representative.

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My initial assignment in the [redacted] will be to the Economics I branch for several reasons. ORR will get the most direct assistance. Also, [redacted] if approved as the head of the combined economics branches, will need assistance in the development of some of his researchers. It is thought that I shall be able to review the first drafts of some of the reports and offer critiques to the writer so that a number of modifications can be made before [redacted] grapples with it. [redacted] has a tendency to rewrite each paper in his own style rather than patiently developing and improving the style of the individual writer. He is an excellent writer and fluent speaker. At the same time, I shall be writing reports for the [redacted]. After a reasonable period of time, perhaps six months, I shall be assigned to the [redacted] for coordination and editing work on full [redacted] work.

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Relations with [redacted] the Attaches are progressing very well. I confer regularly and I am confident we have an excellent rapport.

I asked [redacted] to extend my personal greetings to you. Other than for a case of chilblains which our little boy has had for several weeks we are in excellent health. We are happy with our location. I am trying to persuade the landlord's agent to make some improvements and do a little decorating.

[redacted] and No. 2 in the [redacted] took me to see [redacted] Saturday. Unfortunately, [redacted] was much too strong for [redacted]. However, the big play offs are coming up and it is well that I am getting acquainted with the game so I can chatter intelligently in the stands when the players or referee make some obvious mistakes.

With kindest regards,

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